

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5 and 8-18 are pending in this application. Claims 2 and 6-7 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 4 has been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected species.

As discussed with Examiner McKelvey, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 2. Likewise, claim 14 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 2. All of the pending claims have been amended to correct formal errors and to place them in proper United States form. Support for the claims as amended appears throughout the specification and claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Applicants thank Examiner McKelvey for indicating that the instant claims as amended would be allowable.

In view of the remarks set forth below, further and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

- I. At pages 2 and 5 of the Official Action, claims 1-2, 5, and 8-18, have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, as lacking written description and lacking enablement.***

With regard to written description, claims 1 and 14 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of canceled claim 2. The remaining claims are directly or indirectly dependent on either amended claim 1 or amended claim 14. Accordingly, this rejection is moot.

Regarding enablement, Examiner McKelvey agreed that the claims are enabled within the meaning of 35 USC § 112, first paragraph, and that this rejection would be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the remarks herein, the presently claimed application is believed to be in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable action with an early allowance of all currently pending claims 1-2, 5, and 8-18, in this application is earnestly solicited. Moreover, when allowable subject matter is found herein the examiner is invited to reincorporate the non-selected species and claim 4 directed to a non-selected species.

The Examiner is welcomed to telephone the undersigned attorney if he has any questions or comments.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit account No. 14-0112.

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